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Letter dated 31 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw the Security Council's attention to the concentration of forces of the Rwandan Patriotic Army (APR) observed in Kanyabayonga, a Congolese town in Nord-Kivu Province located near the Rwandan and Ugandan borders.

This town may, in the next few hours, become the theatre of another confrontation between troops from the Rwandan and Ugandan armies in Congolese territory.

My Government urgently requests the Security Council to take all steps in order to prevent a fourth war in the war of aggression between the occupying forces of Rwanda and Uganda, countries that have attacked the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Governments of those two countries are using all sorts of ploys so as not to consider themselves bound by the agreements that they, nevertheless, freely signed with my country, namely, with respect to Rwanda, the Pretoria Peace Agreement of 30 July 2002 (S/2002/914, annex), and, for Uganda, the Luanda Agreement of 6 September 2002.

My Government would also wish that the principal body of the United Nations responsible for international peace and security could prevent another humanitarian tragedy in the Congolese regions under occupation, which have suffered enormously, particularly at the beginning of this year, from the criminal activities of the regular occupation armies as well as those of the armed groups linked to them. The recent intolerable, repulsive and unacceptable acts, the massacres and the systematic violations of human rights perpetrated by the Movement for the Liberation of the Congo (MLC) and the Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD) national troops in Ituri are for us a sad and painful reminder of this.

My Government considers that the Security Council would gain credibility by ensuring strict respect on the part of the aggressor countries, Rwanda and Uganda, of all the relevant resolutions of the Council on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and, if need be, by instituting against them the coercive measures provided for under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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